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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jerry R. Smith
Appl. No.: 10/099,921
Filed: March 14, 2002
Docket No.: 1806
Conf. No.: 1639
Title: **HITCH BALL ENGAGING ASSEMBLY AND APPARATUS
USABLE TO INTERCONNECT FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER
COUPLING TO A GOOSENECK TRACTOR COUPLING**

Art Unit: 3611
Examiner: Luby, Matthew D.

Action: **FIRST AMENDMENT**
Date: April 6, 2004

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, please amend the
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